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His Highness

Mohammed Farid Didi;

I read a passage about your beautiful country in an American magazine. It interested me very much. In spite of you are being so far, very far from Turkey, it didn't prevent me to write you and present my best regards and respects in this the first day of (عيد الأضحى) we say (sacrifice bayram).

I am a Turkish admiral (retired) and I am living in Istanbul the biggest city of Turkey with 1.5 milion inhabitants. Certainly you know perfectly, Turkey is the biggest and modern moslem country in the world with 26 milion inhabitants, virtually all moslems.

After the I. world world, under the Command of Atatürk (Mustafa Kemal Pasha) Turkey is made a very big progress, revolution and adopted its old sistem for a new style on the way of civilization, as europeans, but remained as a pure moslem country. Formerly we were using the arabic letters, but now we are using Latin, european's characters.

But religious education as to learn and read the Kuran (قرآن کریم) is still in arabic. Just near of Europe Turkey is the only moslem state and has a hole respect from others, specially from U.S.A. and Great Britain. So Turkey is holding and keeping the moslem's flag in the hand. Turks, generally, are religious and Istanbul is full of with very big and splendid mosques, and everywhere of Turkey you may hear of ezan (عزانی) five time in a day. I am sending you some pictures about Turkey. If they interest you I will send you again.

If one day Allah permit me to come and visit his Highness and your very beautiful and interesting country I will be very happy.

I am begging from God a very happy life for you and for your country and I am finishing my letter with an old Turkish writting still we old Turks are using unofficially which declares: (I pray from God and from the spirit of Hazreti Muhammed Mustafa a happy and comfortable, easy life for His Highness and your people, our

moslem brothers.)

سزہ و بوقت محترم تبعہ کر دین قرودہ شریعہ جناب اللہ
و پیغمبر محمد مصطفیٰ رضی اللہ عنہ ، مرقہ حیات از نیاز رقی
ایم سلطان عفرتری .
مقاعد امیرال

برهان الدیہ احمد ایلقون

Admiral

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